

NEWS BRIEFS

Dining out tickets

Today is the last day to purchase tickets to the combat dining out at 6 p.m. Aug. 23 at SAC Lake. Cost is \$6. Call Ext. 3075.

Assignment night

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 02-14's assignment night begins at 5 p.m. Aug. 23 at the Columbus Club. Call Ext. 2489.

Blood drive

A blood drive is from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Aug. 30 at the education center. Call Ext. 2123 or 2197.

Enlisted promotions

An enlisted promotion ceremony is at 3:30 p.m. Aug. 30 at the Columbus Club. Mandatory practice for all promotees is at 3 p.m. Aug. 29 at the club. Call Ext. 2611.

Sunday school

Adult and children's Protestant Sunday school classes begin at 8 a.m. Sunday. Adult classes feature The Book of Acts and Crown Ministries and Biblical Financial Study. Children's classes are for 3-year-olds to 12-year-olds. Call Ext. 2500.

Operations group photos

Official photographs of Col. James Holmes, 14th Operations Group commander, are available at the public affairs office on the second floor of the wing headquarters building. Call Ext. 7065.

Mission Report

As of Wednesday

T-37

Goal: 1,619

Flown: 1,581

T-1A

Goal: 1,273 hrs.

Flown: 1,253 hrs.

T-38

Goal: 902

Flown: 835



Airman Alexis Lloyd

Change of command

Maj. Gen. James Sandstrom, 19th Air Force commander, passes the flag to Col. Stephen Schmidt, new 14th Flying Training Wing commander, Aug. 9, as outgoing commander Col. Tom Quelly watches. Schmidt comes to Columbus AFB from the United States Strategic Command at Offutt AFB, Neb. "I truly believe Columbus is where air power begins. What we do today will determine our Air Force's future," Schmidt said.

19th AF command chief visits CAFB

Airman Alexis Lloyd
Public affairs

The 19th Air Force command chief master sergeant visited Columbus AFB Aug. 8 to 9.

Chief Master Sgt. Herbert Williams came for the wing change of command, toured the new housing areas and discussed issues with airmen at lunch at the dining facility.

His visit with the airmen was one of the best parts of his trip here, he said.

"I love to get out with the young troops," Williams said. "It's rare that I get to talk to one and two stripers."

Some issues discussed at the lunch

were pride in the job, promotion rates and drugs in the military.

"People who have pride in what they do and have focus have my heart and make me look forward to coming to work the next day," Williams said.

According to Williams, there are three things to make a career in the Air Force and to be successful — positive attitude, enthusiasm and having fun.

Promotion rates for staff sergeant were high on the list for some of the senior airmen in the audience.

"If you make a 60 to 70 on the test you'll make the promotion cut," Williams said. "The test is to not pass or fail people, it's to separate the men

from the boys and the women from the girls."

Williams believes airmen are still the same now as they were when he entered the Air Force 26 years ago.

"The hairstyles may have changed, but their behaviors haven't," Williams said. "Drugs have been the biggest problem I've faced in my career. First it was marijuana when I came in and now it's ecstasy. I warn all airmen to stay away from drugs."

Williams parting words before he left the lunch and left Columbus AFB were, "Be on top of the game, look sharp, be sharp, be enthusiastic and love what you do."

CAFB monitors for virus

The 14th Medical Operations Squadron Public Health office and the 14th Civil Engineer Squadron Entomology office have joined forces to protect Columbus AFB from the West Nile Virus.

To date, no indications of the virus have been detected on Columbus AFB.

The virus is transmitted by infectious mosquitoes.

Throughout the summer the entomology office has identified potential breeding sites for mosquitoes and has taken measures to correct any problems before they occur. The public health office has trapped mosquitoes and tested them for the virus.

"Collection and testing of mosquitoes for West Nile Virus provides an early warning sign for the potential transmission of the virus to humans in the surveillance area," said Capt. Chris Wynens, 14th MDOS public health chief. "This warning will allow careful targeting of prevention and protection efforts to reduce the risk of human infection from the virus."

West Nile virus is of particular concern at Columbus AFB because the virus has been isolated in people, birds and mosquitoes in several Mississippi and Alabama counties.

Mosquitoes become infected when they feed on birds carrying the disease.

"Infected mosquitoes can then transmit the virus to humans and animals while biting," said Marion McClenton, 14th CES entomology. "Even though mosquitoes do carry the virus, very few mosquitoes — much less than 1 percent — are infected when they feed on infected birds."

"If the mosquito is infected, less than 1 percent of people — particularly the elderly — who get bitten and become infected will get severely ill," he said.

West Nile Virus has emerged in recent years in temperate regions of Europe and North America, presenting a threat to public, equine and animal health. It surfaced in 1999 in New York City. Since then there have been numerous cases of the virus reported throughout the eastern United States to include Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana.

Protect yourself from bites

Housing residents and building occupants can help by identifying and eliminating areas around their buildings and homes where mosquitoes breed such as standing water, leaves and brush. Ensure that buckets, flowerpots, old tires, kiddie pools, pet dishes or other types of water-collecting items are

stored upside down so as not to collect water. Cleaning birdbaths weekly so stagnant water doesn't collect in them will also prevent mosquitoes from breeding.

You can also lessen the risk of mosquito bites by taking the following precautions:

- ❑ Prevent mosquitoes from entering your home by repairing windows and screens.

- ❑ Stay indoors at dawn, dusk and in the early evening.

- ❑ Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants whenever you are outdoors.

- ❑ Apply insect repellent sparingly to exposed skin. An effective repellent will contain 20 percent to 35 percent DEET (N,N-diethyl-meta-toluamide). DEET in concentrations greater than 35 percent may cause side effects, particularly in children — avoid products containing more than 35 percent DEET.

- ❑ Repellents may irritate the eyes and mouth, so avoid applying repellent to the hands of children. Insect repellants should not be applied to children under 3 years old.

- ❑ Spray clothing with repellents containing permethrin or DEET, as mosquitoes may bite through thin clothing.

- ❑ Whenever you use an insecticide or insect repellent, be sure to read and follow the manufacturer's directions for use, as printed on the product.

- ❑ Note: Vitamin B, "ultrasonic" devices and "bug zappers" are not effective in preventing mosquito bites or controlling mosquitoes.

- ❑ Install and use yellow "bug" lights at exterior door entrances, including garage and carport areas. Yellow "bug" lights will attract fewer mosquitoes and other flying insects to your door.

Reporting concerns

Building occupants and residents of housing should immediately report any dead birds from no obvious cause to the 14th CES customer service desk at Ext. 2856. Technicians will respond, collect the bird and coordinate with public health for testing. To report potential mosquito breeding sites in your area, submit a work order to the desk.

Should you have any specific health concerns, call Ext. 2273. If you or your family members develop symptoms such as high fever, confusion, muscle weakness and severe headaches, you should see your doctor immediately. *(Courtesy of the public health office.)*

DEERS UPDATING

The deadline for Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System beneficiaries to update their eligibility and remain eligible for TRICARE For Life is extended to Sept. 1. After Sept. 1, claims for beneficiaries who are not shown as eligible in DEERS will be denied and will no longer be sent electronically from Medicare to TRICARE for payment. They will be responsible for payment until the eligibility information is updated. Call Ext. 2626.



SECAF, CSAF release video

WASHINGTON — The service's senior leaders released a video Wednesday on Air Force Link, emphasizing the importance of protecting classified information.

"There have been several media reports involving the disclosure of classified information within the Department of Defense," said Secretary of the Air Force James Roche. "These illegal acts ... have the personal attention of the secretary of defense, who is rightly concerned that they are diminishing our country's ability to conduct military operations."

Unauthorized disclosures could jeopardize capabilities needed to successfully prosecute the war on terrorism, said Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper. *(Courtesy of Air Force News)*

Dyess NCO gets paid for idea

DYESS AFB, Texas — A Dyess senior NCO is \$10,000 richer thanks to his suggestion which will save the Air Force more than a quarter of a million dollars annually.

Master Sgt. Stephen Schwartz, NCO in charge of the 7th Component Repair Squadron's engine shop here, submitted his suggestion through the "Innovative Development through Employee Awareness" program while following a technical order to repair an aircraft engine.

Schwartz noted the technical order contained two wear-through limits dealing with liners in the engine's turboframe. If one liner segment is worn away more than .002 inches, the engine had to be repaired at a cost of up to \$23,000, he said.

"I suggested the maximum wear-through limits be waived and that we allow the part to be worn through before it was replaced," Schwartz said. "I called [the engine's logistics center at] Tinker [Air Force Base, Okla.] and told them about my idea. The individual there who approves changes to our [technical order] told me to submit the change to the IDEA program. He thought it sounded good and said he would approve it even before I submitted it to him."

This was the 21-year Air Force veteran's first use of the IDEA program. He was thinking only about the mission, not the money when he submitted his suggestion.

"I wasn't even thinking about [a reward]," Schwartz said. "I just wanted to help us get the job done [better and faster]."

Ideas that can save resources, increase efficiency or improve processes, products or equipment are what the IDEA program is looking for, said Master Sgt. Michael Pershing, the IDEA coordinator at Dyess AFB, Texas.

For details on how to submit a suggestion or for more information about the program, call Staff Sgt. Nancy Burgess, 14th Flying Training Wing Manpower, at Ext. 2398. *(Courtesy of Air Combat Command News Service)*

NCO earns Stripes for Exceptional Performers promotion

Tech Sgt. Jim Moser
Public affairs

A Columbus AFB security forces NCO was surprised with an extra stripe for his hard work and dedication to the Air Force mission with a Stripes for Exceptional Performers promotion Aug. 8.

Tech. Sgt. Charles N. Manders Jr., 14th Security Forces Squadron, received the promotion to master sergeant from Maj. Gen. James Sandstrom, 19th Air Force commander.

Sandstrom gave the stripe during a surprise visit to the security forces squadron during their commander's call while he was visiting Columbus AFB for the wing change of command.

"Without any hesitation I can say this is the proudest day of my life," said Manders. "I am honored to become part of an elite group, the senior NCO corps."

"He takes on the big jobs with total commitment, but he tackles the small jobs with the same enthusiasm," said Maj. Leonard Grassley, 14th SFS commander. "Whether he is working on security plans for a base-wide event or on 'squadron beautification' he is in there knee deep giving 110 percent."

"Sergeant Manders' contributions to our Air Force made

him the obvious choice for this STEP," said Chief Master Sgt. James Roy, 14th Flying Training Wing command chief.

Among his many accomplishments Manders was handpicked to fill the security forces administration superintendent position — a job normally filled by a master sergeant. He also was the wing's lead NCO in organizing all security, parking and escorting for the base's 2001 Air Show and organized National Police Week activities; including a parade, 5K run, memorial service and luncheon attended by over 80 local agencies.

According to Senior Master Sgt. Richard Friend, 14th SFS manager, Manders can always be counted on to get the job done. "He went on leave for two weeks, and I missed him more than anyone else in the unit."

The new stripe comes at a perfect time for Manders, who was facing retirement.



Tech. Sgt. Jim Moser
Chief Master Sgt. Herbert Williams, 19th Air Force command chief master sergeant, "pins" master sergeant stripes on Tech. Sgt. Charles N. Manders Jr., 14th Security Forces Squadron, with Maj. Gen. James Sandstrom, 19th AF commander.

"The best part of all is that this promotion will allow me to continue to do what I love best — serve my country in her time of need," he said.

Manders competed against other NCOs throughout 19th Air Force for the promotion.

Combat dining out honors chief

Airman Alexis Lloyd
Public affairs

The combat dining out honoring the 14th Flying Training Wing command chief master sergeant begins at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 23 at SAC Lake.

The event marks Chief Master Sgt. James Roy's transition from Columbus AFB to become the command chief master sergeant at Charleston AFB, S.C.

The combat dining out is open to enlisted, officers and civilians.

The attire for the dining out is the battle dress uniform, flight suits or casual clothing for civilians, and camo paint is highly encouraged.

"Everyone should come out and enjoy the camaraderie with other airmen and to say goodbye to Chief Roy," said Chief Master Sgt. Frank Booth, combat dining out committee president. "It's also an opportunity to experience what a combat dining out is like."

"In the military, we are doing one of two things — going to war or preparing to go to war," said Master Sgt. Bruce Freed, committee member. "A combat dining out offers a medium between the two while socializing with comrades in arms."

"It is literally 'your mother's nightmare' as far as social skills go because

we were all taught the ills of throwing food during any type of social gathering. In a combat dining out, you will be noticed for not doing so. This isn't just another stuffy formal, tea-sipping, pinky-raising affair. This is where we get to know our comrades in a true field setting, devoid of observing all the social graces."

"Bring plenty of bug spray and your weapons, and get ready for some fun," Booth said.

The president of the mess is Chief Master Sgt. Thomas Pelfrey, 14th Operations Group.

Madam vice is Staff Sgt. Dori Gilder, 14th Operations Support Squadron, and mister vice is Senior Airman William Kearns Jr., 14th Medical Support Squadron.

Shuttles to SAC Lake will be available. There are five pickup points: the three bus stops in Capitol Housing, the bus stop on State Loop and the community center. Pickup times are at 5:30 and 6 p.m.

The menu includes ribs, chicken, pulled pork, coleslaw, baked beans, corn salad and potato salad and a combat dining out mug.

Today is the last day to buy tickets, and cost is \$6 each. For more information or to buy a ticket, call Ext. 3075.

STAFF SERGEANT SELECTS

Columbus AFB congratulates its newest staff sergeant selects. Fifty-five of Columbus AFB's 83 eligible people were selected for a 66.26-percent selection rate, which is higher than the 62.98-percent selection rate for the Air Force.

The promotee selects are:

Antwaun Abrams, 14th Operations Support Squadron; **Richard Baldwin**, 14th Security Forces Squadron; **Shemecia Barber**, 14th SFS; **William Barbre**, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron; **Christopher Bauman**, 14th Communications Squadron; **Joann Bomar**, 14th SFS; **Jonathan Brinson**, 14th Contracting Squadron; **Curtis Casteel**, Reserve Officer Training Corps Det. 10; **Jonathan Clegg**, 14th OSS; **Dustina Coblentz**, 14th OSS; **Patrick Cone**, 14th CES; **Aaron Curtis**, 41st Flying Training Squadron; **Morgan Davis**, 14th Medical Operations Squadron; **Angel Diaz**, 14th OSS; **Cindy Dobbs**, 14th Support Group; **Isaiah Dolan**, 14th SFS; **Glenn Dowling**, 50th FTS; **Travares Dozier**, 14th Flying Training Wing; **Charles Eder**, 14th Comptroller Flight; **Brian Ellison**, 332nd Recruiting Squadron; **Cedric Flowers**, 14th MDOS; **Marcus Franklin**, 14th OSS; **Eddy Gilder**, 14th CS; **Jeremy Glidden**, 14th CPTF; **Jaime Gramer**,

14th OSS; **James Granade**, 14th SFS; **Teresa Granade**, 14th SFS; **James Hall IV**, 14th OSS; **April Hires**, 14th OSS; **Brandon Holda**, 14th OSS; **Jermal Houston**, 14th SFS; **Patrick James**, 14th OSS; **Kenneth Jinks**, 332nd RCS; **Patricia Johnson**, 14th SFS; **Jeremy Keel**, 14th CPTF; **Adam Link**, 14th CS; **David Lowe**, 14th SFS; **Kevin Martens**, 14th SFS; **William Mathis**, 14th OSS; **Jeremy Miller**, 14th CES; **Dawn Nettles**, 14th MDOS; **Tonya O'Toole**, 14th MDOS; **Vonetta Parks**, 14th SFS; **Zachariah Ridgeway**, 14th OSS; **Jeffrey Risley**, 14th CS; **Travis Russell**, 14th Medical Support Squadron; **Thaddeus Smith**, 332nd RCS; **Jonathan Snyder**, 14th SFS; **Jason Spencer**, 14th SFS; **Mario Stewart**, 14th CONS; **Rocky Stockdale**, 14th OSS; **Michelle Sweeney**, 14th SFS; **Jandrew Taala**, 14th CPTF; **Michael Tate**, 41st FTS; **Tara Thibodeaux**, 14th MDSS; **Casey Thomas**, 14th SFS; **Shorie Thompson**, 14th MDOS; **Tiffanie Timmons**, 14th SFS; **Deralis Todd**, 14th CES; **Edward Vega**, 14th SFS; **Christina Ward**, 14th OSS; **Erreca Weaver**, 14th CPTF; **Shawn Welborn**, 14th CES; and **Kimberly Whiteside**, 14th CS.

Columbus AFB volunteers build 23rd Habitat home

Staff Sgt. Kyle Ford
Pubic affairs

The Columbus-Lowndes Habitat for Humanity in partnership with Columbus AFB dedicated its latest housing project Aug. 11.

More than 65 people from Columbus AFB helped build this the 23rd Habitat home in the area.

"Since workers from Columbus AFB were largely responsible for this house being built, we wanted them to be a part of this celebration," said Jackie Hager, Columbus-Lowndes Habitat for Humanity executive director.

Habitat homes are built using primarily volunteer

labor and donations and contributions given by individuals, churches or businesses. "Because of these donations, we are able to sell these mortgages to families at no profit or interest," Hager said. "The monies coming from these homes are then in turn used to help finance other homes."

The objective of Habitat for Humanity is to build homes with, not for, families that would not be able to obtain the dream of owning their own home. "We believe that everyone deserves decent housing," Hager added.

"A lot of times people in the military take things for granted, such as adequate housing," said Tech. Sgt. Kevin Mott, 14th Flying Training Wing, past Habitat for Humanity volunteer. "However when we volunteer for

projects like this, it not only gives back to the community but gives us a chance to realize how blessed we really are."

The United Service Automobile Association Foundation has given \$35,000 toward the next habitat home. The groundbreaking for this home is Saturday, and once again military people from Columbus AFB will supply the volunteers. Tech. Sgt. Stephen Bachant, aerospace physiology, is coordinating the effort and can be reached at Ext. 2781.

"There is no way Columbus-Lowndes Habitat for Humanity can adequately express our gratitude to everyone who helped us in our endeavor to eliminate substandard housing in Lowndes County," Hager said.

Author researches pilot training history during CAFB visit

2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett
Public affairs

An aviation author and historian visited the 14th Flying Training Wing Aug. 7 to 9 to do research on the history of pilot training at Columbus AFB.

Lou Thole is comparing fighter training during World War II to pilot training currently conducted at Columbus AFB for his most recent book.

About 15,000 young men in the United States Army Air Forces gave their lives during aircrew training, according to Thole. "Their story needs to be told."

World War II pilot training was based on the needs of the time, he explained. The United States went into World War II

severely unprepared for the war. Initially men were rushed through the pilot training process to replace those who lost their lives in combat.

As the war situation improved the training became highly organized and extremely well taught, according to Thole. "To this day the U.S. produces the finest pilots the world has ever known."

In order for Thole to better understand pilot training today, he experienced the training process firsthand.

He lived all of the major stages of pilot training: a flight physical at the clinic, egress training at aerospace physiology, equipment fitting at life support, pre-flight formation briefing and a formation orientation flight in a T-37 from the 37th

Flying Training Squadron.

Not leaving out the student element, Thole interviewed a Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training student from each aircraft track, 2nd Lts. Ryan Venhuizen class 03-07 in T-37 training, John Poole class 02-14 in T-1 training and Shannon Hodge class 02-13 a T-38 graduate.

During the interview Thole posed the question, "If you were given the power to change something about pilot training, what would you change?"

All three students thought for a period of time and couldn't come up with any answers.

"Their silence speaks volumes about the caliber of training at Columbus

AFB," he said.

Additionally, Thole sat in on an advanced instrument class at the 14th Operation Support Squadron and participated in a T-37 simulator ride.

"During the whole visit I was extremely impressed with everyone," he said. "They showed professionalism, and even though I asked a lot of questions, all members were very courteous and knowledgeable in answering my questions."

Thole is the author of two books, Forgotten Fields of America Volume I and II, as well as many aviation articles published in the United States, England and France. His third book's publication date is January 2003.

VOTING REPRESENTATIVES



2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett
Brandy Humbel, 37th Flying Training Squadron, and Staff Sgt. Shawn Naus, 37th FTS, get information from 1st Lt. Rich Waldrop, 37th FTS, on completing an absentee ballot for the Nov. 5 general election. The election names one-third of the senate, 435 House of Representatives, and 37 state governors, along with other state issues.

The following people are some of the 2002-2003 unit voting representatives.

14th Support Group
Staff Sgt. Rhonda Knipmeyer, Ext. 2773.

Tech. Sgt. Lee Hankey, Ext. 2375.

14th Medical Group
2nd Lt. Christina Stender, Ext. 2781.
Capt. Todd Tice, Ext. 2234.

14th Operations Support Squadron
Staff Sgt. Cherise Holmes, Ext. 7547.
Staff Sgt. William Conley, 2964.

37th Flying Training Squadron
Maj. Paul Powell, Ext. 5670.

41st Flying Training Squadron
2nd Lt. Bill Free, Ext. 7652.
2nd Lt. Cory Naddy, Ext. 7611.

48th Flying Training Squadron
Capt. Scott Jackson, Ext. 2393.
1st Lt. Dave Garvin, Ext. 2671.

50th Flying Training Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Cynthia Hambrick, Ext. 7768.

1st Lt. Steve Cappelli, Ext. 7718.

14th Civil Engineer Squadron
Capt. Brad Waters, Ext. 7319.
2nd Lt. Ryan Nelson, Ext. 7958.

14th Communications Squadron
Master Sgt. Robert Brewer, Ext. 2026.

14th Contracting Squadron
Tech. Sgt. Werner Martin, Ext. 7760.

14th Flying Training Wing/ Mission Support Squadron
Tech. Sgt. David Wilson, Ext. 3537.
Master Sgt. Lashon Webb, Ext. 2073.

14th Security Forces Squadron
Senior Airman Robert Shepherd, Ext. 7126.

Senior Airman Joann Bomar, Ext. 7128.

14th Comptroller Flight
2nd Lt. Noel Torres, Ext. 2654.
Tech. Sgt. Paul Jones, Ext. 2708.

Water conservation, what it means to you

Tom Waller
14th Civil Engineer Squadron



“You don’t miss your water until your well runs dry,” is a descriptive phrase first penned by Benjamin Franklin in 1789 in his “Poor Richard’s Almanac.” It certainly tells us that our water supply is a very precious commodity, and security and conservation of it is extremely important to maintaining our way of life. But as the phrase implies, we tend to take our abundant water resource for granted until it’s too late, never thinking we might have a problem that would seriously reduce or eliminate our water supply. Living in the Southeast, we are very blessed with an abundance of surface water and groundwater for all our uses.

STRAIGHT TALK LINE

The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB a better place. Although the Straight Talk Line is always available, the best way to resolve problems is through the chain of command. The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer. All names will be kept confidential. Messages may be answered in the Silver Wings without names. Written questions may also be brought to the public affairs office in the wing headquarters building, Bldg. 724. Questions and answers will be edited for brevity.

Take a little time to stop and think about how water so greatly impacts our daily lives, and you might be amazed: water for drinking, taking a bath, flushing the toilet, and washing the car; water to air condition our larger buildings and industrial facilities; water to fish in, swim in, and boat in; water to produce the electricity that runs most everything we use and see — the list goes on and on.

As you can see, water plays a significant role in almost everything we do or use. The federal government is the nation’s largest single user of water, using between 300 and 450 million gallons-per-day.

Through implementation of best management practices, this number can be significantly reduced. Fixing a leaky faucet is one of the simple BMPs that can save as much as 36 gallons of water per day. If we fixed every leaky faucet in the entire Air Force, the savings would make a great impact on reducing our utility budget. Presidential Order 13123, signed June 3, 1999,

further stimulates us to conserve our precious water resource. It is the first major executive legislation to put water conservation at the top of the list and to task us to conserve water from the presidential level down.

The executive order includes requirements for all federal agencies to determine a baseline for water consumption and establish water conservation goals. The Air Force goal is to have 100 percent of its bases develop water management plans by 2005.

Above all, remember that water is a very precious commodity and a finite resource we can’t afford to use unwisely or openly waste. Encourage your friends and neighbors to be part of a water-conscious community.

Do your best to conserve water at all times because it is the right thing to do.

Don’t waste someone else’s water just because no one is looking, such as when you are staying at a hotel. Your help to conserve our water resource will be much appreciated by everyone around you.

Security forces gate guard shacks

Issue: I’m calling with a complaint. At approximately 7:20 a.m., I was driving through the south gate and a staff sergeant at the security shack had rap music blaring, super loud.

I don’t like to listen to it, and it’s very unprofessional to have music blaring, especially at the entrance point to the base.

It leaves a bad impression of the Air Force. I’d like your comments. Thank you.

Response: Our installation sentries set the tone for people coming onto the installation and are expected to conduct

themselves in a professional, courteous manner at all times.

I apologize for the conduct and ask that I be contacted immediately should this ever occur again.

I will reemphasize to our people the need to maintain a professional atmosphere in and around our entry control points.

If you ever have any questions about the conduct or performance of any of our security forces, feel free to contact the Security Forces operations office at extension 7120 or 7037. Thank you for using the Straight Talk program.

Col. Stephen Schmidt



Col. Stephen Schmidt
14th Flying Training Wing commander

Key phone numbers

Base Exchange.....434-6013
Chaplain.....434-2500
Civil Engineer Service Desk.....434-2856
Civilian Personnel.....434-2635
Clinic:
Family Practice.....434-2172
Appointment Desk.....434-2273
After Hours Care.....434-2273
Columbus Club.....434-2489
Commissary.....434-7106
Finance.....434-2706
Housing Maintenance.....434-7270
Inspector General.....434-2927
Legal Office.....434-7030
Military Equal Opportunity.....434-2591
Security Forces.....434-7129
Shoppette.....434-6026

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PROMOTION TEST CHEATING HURTS EVERYONE

R.J. Childers
14th Mission Support Squadron

With the upcoming testing cycles, test compromise is once again a topic all airmen need to understand.

Air Force personnel tests are designed to measure an individual’s knowledge and ability in a given area. In the case of promotion tests, the individual’s efforts and initiative are significant factors, which are measured by the test.

According to Air Force Instruction 36-2502, preparing for promotion testing is solely an individual responsibility.

The Weighted Airman Promotion System was developed to ensure that the most qualified individuals are promoted and to provide an objective, equitable and understandable process. Focusing on promotion to staff sergeant through master sergeant, WAPS is comprised of six factors: two promotion tests, awards and decorations, enlisted performance reports, time in service and time in grade. The promotion tests contribute the largest portion to the total and arguably are the most important tests an enlisted member takes.

Cheating undermines the effectiveness of the test as a measurement tool and must be prevented.

“Although only a very small percentage of testers cheat, even one cheater is too many,” said Brenda Lopez, Headquarters Air Force Personnel Center personnel psychologist. “When someone resorts to cheating, it’s a direct affront to Air Force Core Values. It is also a direct affront to those who studied hard and yet did not get promoted because someone else’s lack of integrity.”

“Integrity, our first core value, means honesty,” said Senior Master Sgt. Chris McCollor, military personnel flight superintendent. “People who cheat on their WAPS test are stealing from their fellow airmen — undermining the core values of everyone.”

The bottom line is that WAPS works as long as everyone plays by the rules. Compromise is a violation of Article 92, Uniform Code of Military Justice and a detriment to the integrity of WAPS and to the Air Force as a whole.

WAPS Testing dates

For 02E9, the testing date is in September and the promotion cutoff date was July 31. For 03E8, the date is in January 2003 and the cutoff date is Sept. 30. For 03E6/7, the testing date is from Feb. 15 to March 30, 2003 and the cutoff date is Dec. 30. For 03E5, the date is in May 2003 and the cutoff date is March 31.

WAPS scores releaseable to airmen, commanders only

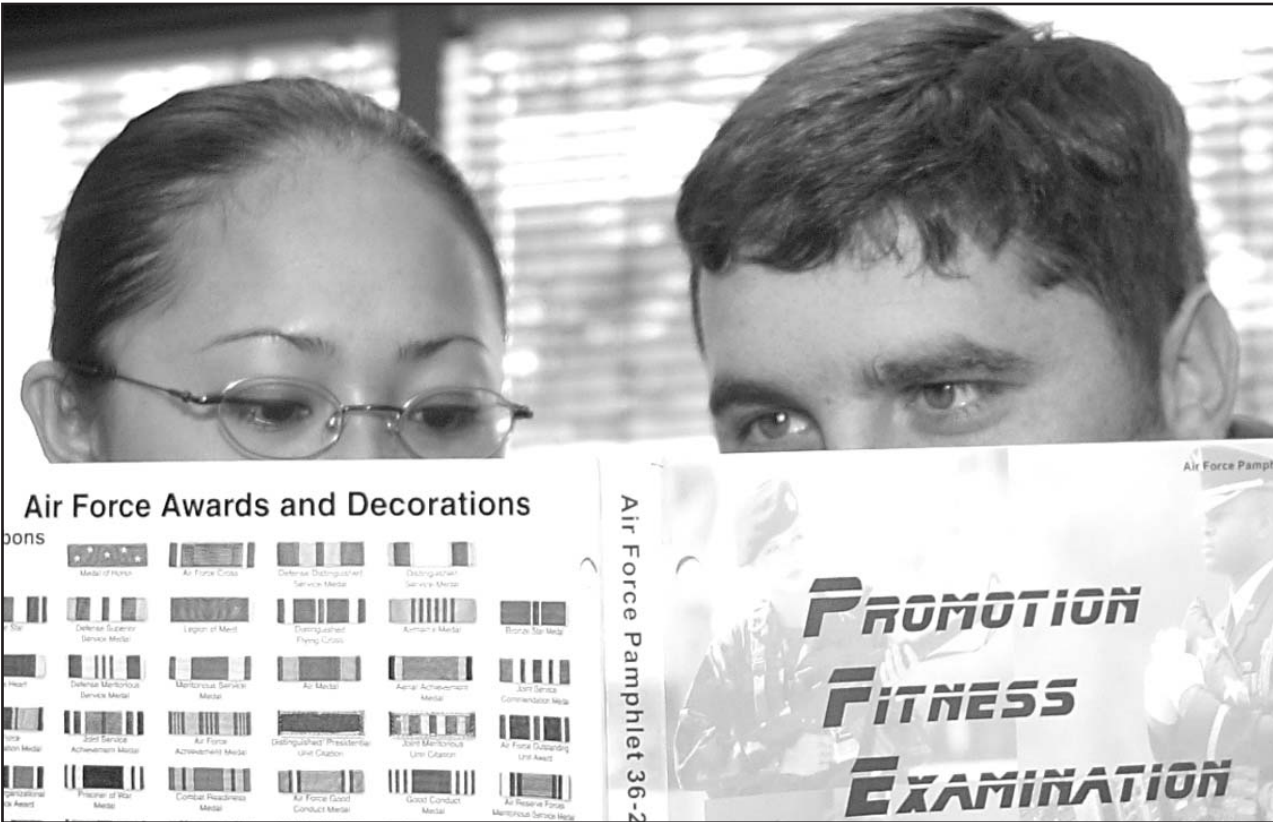
Per Air Force Instruction 36-2502, preparing for promotion testing is solely an individual responsibility and should not be considered an item for enlisted professional development. WAPS score notices are a means to give airmen a report of their relative standing in the promotion consideration process and should never be provided to or used by anyone other than the individual and his or her commander. An airman’s scores cannot be disclosed without the airman’s written consent.

Commander support staffs, first sergeants, supervisors, et cetera, are not authorized access to an airman’s WAPS scores. These personnel have no specific duties that require access to the scores. Commanders have the specific duty to notify airmen of promotion select or nonselect status and may need to review their score notices to determine status. Commanders must restrict their use of the scores to notification and advisory counseling on the airman’s behalf and must not allow further

dissemination of scores or their use for purposes other than advisory counseling.

Commanders may help airmen interpret their scores and the importance of each WAPS factor, help airmen understand their areas of relative strength of deficiency on the score report or discuss actions on the airmen’s part that may boost their chance of success in the next promotion cycle. However, since score notices are provided to airmen for their personal records, suggestions will not be in the form of written comments directly on the score notice.

It is prohibited to make recommendations (to anyone other than the airman) or take personnel actions based on the score report, limit or expand the airman’s scope of duties based on the score report, criticize the airman for poor scores, provide or allow access to the score report to anyone other than the airman, hold group counseling sessions (which may reveal scores to other airmen), establish or encourage group study sessions, require airmen to disclose their scores to a third party or include score notices in informal personnel files.



Staff Sgt. Kyle Ford

Senior Airmen Jennifer Loanzon and Franklin Hood, 14th Contracting Squadron, demonstrate the wrong way to study.

FREQUENTLY SEEN STUDY INFRACTIONS

The following infractions, though not all-inclusive, are the most frequently observed.

Study guides

The development and use of local study/testing guides which focus on preparation for selection or promotion tests, or that use testable materials such as AFPAM 36-2241 Volume 1, Promotion Fitness Examination study guide, and Volume 2, U.S. Air Force Supervisory examination study guide, as reference material, are prohibited.

Group study

Group study by examinees or potential examinees is prohibited. This includes discussing or sharing in any form,

information about actual test material or marked or highlighted testable material with other examinees, potential examinees or any other unauthorized individuals for the purpose of preparing for a promotion test.

Training

Training, either official or unofficial, formal or informal, that concentrates on “teaching the test” or emphasizes information known or believed to be on a specific Air Force personnel test is prohibited.

Question lists

The development and use of a list of questions/answers, except for those prepared and used exclusively by the individual, are prohibited.

Learning, learning, learning, spending time with CDC

Airman Alexis Lloyd
Public affairs

Columbus AFB munchkins in Classroom 6 at the child development center spend their time learning, developing social skills and just plain having fun.

“The children are very bright, and they come up with new things everyday,” said Linda Norman, child caregiver.

“I love being around the kids,” she said. “It sometimes surprises me the things they know.”

The children learn through hands-on activities and interacting and sharing with other children their ages.

“[My wife and I] really like the care provided by the CDC,” said Capt. Christopher Peters, whose two-year-old son, Bryan, is a regular at the center.

“With both parents in the military, the CDC works hard to be as flexible as possible to work around our schedules and make it as easy as possible on our child.

“The people are outstanding,” Peters added. “They work very well with the parents. Our child absolutely loves each of them. On most days, our child can’t wait to go to school.”

The center is open Mondays through Fridays from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Children ages 6 weeks to 5 years are eligible to attend the CDC.

Cost per child is based upon the family’s income. For more information, call Ext. 2479.



Photos by Airman Alexis Lloyd

Brett Miller, age 4, pretends to cook french toast in a plastic frying pan Wednesday at the Child Development Center.



Taelor Davis, age 4, plays with modeling clay during play time.



Madison Shepherd, age 4, and Sabrina Arquello, age 3, dress up and play house.



Julian Silva, age 3, Katie Hamacher, age 4, and Taelor Davis, age 4, play together while making sculptures of modeling clay in Classroom 6.



T-1A Jayhawk

U.S. Air Force photo



Capt. Kenneth Cook

Grove City, Ohio
F-16, Luke AFB, Ariz.



1st Lt. Justin Dean

Colorado Springs, Colo.
RC-135, Offutt AFB, Neb.



1st Lt. Gary Moore

Hebron, Conn.
T-37, Columbus AFB, Miss.



2nd Lt. Clifton Baker Jr.

Columbus, Ga.
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



2nd Lt. Colin Edwards

Snohomish, Wash.
C-17, McChord AFB, Wash. (AFRC)



2nd Lt. Michael Ethridge

Ann Arbor, Mich.
KC-135, MacDill AFB, Fla.



2nd Lt. Brian Huster

Destrehan, La.
KC-10, McGuire AFB, N.J.



2nd Lt. Michael Kawan

Cranston, R.I.
F-16, Luke AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Christopher Seaman

Charleston, S.C.
C-5, Travis AFB, Calif.



2nd Lt. Derek Steneman

Eden Prairie, Minn.
F-15C, Tyndall AFB, Fla.



2nd Lt. Jeremy Trumble

Jonesville, Mich.
C-130, Selfridge, Mich. (ANG)



2nd Lt. David Way

Tuscaloosa, Ala.
F-16, McEntire, S.C. (ANG)

SUPT Class 02-13 earns silver wings

Eighteen officers have survived a year of training and have earned the right to be an Air Force pilot.

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 02-13 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the theater.

The graduation speaker is Brig. Gen. Stephen Sargeant, 56th Fighter Wing commander, Luke AFB, Ariz.

Sargeant oversees the training of F-16 pilots and crew chiefs while providing combat support for aerospace expeditionary forces. His wing is the largest fighter wing in the Air Force and he graduates more than 1,000 F-16 pilots and 900 crew chiefs per year.

Students receive their silver pilot's wings at the ceremony, and students who excelled in their respective training tracks are recognized.

Second Lts. Clifton Baker Jr., T-1A, and Derek Steneman, T-38, received the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Trophy for being the most outstanding students overall in their classes.

Baker and 2nd Lt. Michael Kawan, T-38, received the Flying Excellence Award for maintaining the highest flying averages in their flights.

Capt. Kenneth Cook, T-38, and 1st Lt. Philip Poeppelman, T-1A, received the Academic Excellence Award for maintaining the highest academic averages in their flights.

Baker and Steneman received the Military Training Award for demonstrating outstanding officer and leadership qualities.

The Air Force Association Award was presented to Steneman and 1st Lt. Charles Throckmorton IV, T-1A. The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association — promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.



Baker and Steneman were named distinguished graduates.

The 52-week pilot training program begins with a three-week preflight phase of academics and physiological training to prepare students for flight.

The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the twin-engine, subsonic T-37 Tweet. Students learn aircraft flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying. Students also practice night, instrument and cross country navigation flying.

Primary training takes about 23 weeks and includes 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 flying hours. After primary training, students select, by order of merit, advanced training in the fighter-bomber or airlift-tanker track.

Both tracks are designed to best train pilots for successful transition to their follow-on aircraft and mission.

Advanced training for the fighter track is done in the T-38 Talon, a tandem-seat, twin-engine supersonic jet. T-38 training emphasizes formation, advanced aerobatics and navigation.

Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 381 hours of ground events, 31.6 hours in the flight simulator and 118.7 flying hours. The airlift-tanker track uses the T-1A Jayhawk, the military version of a multi-place business jet.

Instruction centers on crew coordination and management, instrument training, cross-country flying and simulated refueling and airdrop missions. Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 185 hours of ground training, 43 hours in the flight simulator and 104 flying hours.

The class reunites on graduation day, when students receive the aeronautical rating of pilot and begin their careers as U.S. Air Force pilots.



U.S. Air Force photo

T-38 Talon



1st Lt. Philip Poeppelman

Versailles, Ohio
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



1st Lt. Charles Throckmorton IV

Jefferson, Ga.
C-21, Offutt AFB, Neb.



2nd Lt. Trevor Anderson

Rosemount, Minn.
E-3, Tinker AFB, OK



2nd Lt. Shannon Hodge

Gahanna, Ohio
T-38, Columbus AFB, Miss.



2nd Lt. Stephen Hong

Los Angeles, Calif.
C-9, Yokota AB, Japan



2nd Lt. Ryan Hughes

Rockford, Ill.
KC-135, Mildenhall AFB, UK

AT THE CHAPEL

Chapel schedule

Catholic

Sunday activities:

9 a.m. — Mass
5 p.m. — Confessions
5:30 p.m. — Mass
Wednesday
11:30 a.m. — Mass

Protestant

Sunday activities:

9 a.m. — Sunday school
10:45 a.m. — Protestant worship
1 p.m. — Contemporary worship
Wednesdays
5:30 p.m. — Video Bible study sup-
per
7:15 p.m. — Choir rehearsal
Thursdays
11:30 a.m. — Lunch Bible study
For Islamic, Jewish, Orthodox or
other services, call the chapel at Ext.
2500.

AT THE MOVIES

All movies are shown at 7 p.m., unless
otherwise noted, at the base theater.

Today

“Mr. Deeds” (PG-13, brief language
including sexual references, 91 min.)
Starring: Adam Sandler and Winona
Ryder.

Saturday

“Minority Report” (PG-13, vio-
lence, some language, sexuality, 140
min.)
Starring: Tom Cruise and Colin
Farrell.

Aug. 23

“Reign of Fire” (PG-13, intense
action violence, 102 min.)
Starring: Matthew McConaughey
and Christian Bale.

CHANNEL 64

BLAZE 64 offers announcements for
people living in base housing or the dor-
mitories.

Call 2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett for more
information at Ext. 7065.

Weekdays

9 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.
Air Force Television News
Monday through Aug. 23
9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.
College Level Examination Program:
“Social Science”

FAMILY SUPPORT



*(Editor’s note: All activities are offered
at the family support center unless other-
wise specified. For more information, call
Ext. 2790.)*

Time management: People can learn
some ways to make the most of their time
and reduce stress at a time management
workshop at 11 a.m. Wednesday.

Job skills identification: This work-
shop at 1 p.m. Wednesday helps people
identify their job skills to write an effec-
tive resume.

Sponsor training: Annual sponsor
training is available for commander’s calls
or individuals. Participants can contact
their orderly room to ensure the training is
documented.

Free child care: Arriving and departing
active-duty Air Force people can receive
up to 20 hours of free child care per child.

BASE NOTES



Club social: The next officers spouses
club social begins at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 10 at
the Columbus Club. Menu includes chef’s
salad for \$8 or rosemary pork loin with
rice pilaf for \$9.50.

Non-Columbus Club members pay an
additional \$3. New members are welcome.
Call 434-5511 to make reservations by
Sept. 3.

Equal opportunity counselor:
Columbus AFB is looking for someone for
a collateral duty assignment as EEO coun-
selor. The counselor assists the equal
employment manager in counseling and
assisting employees in filing informal and
formal EEO complaints.

The EEO counselor serves in his or her
regular job, and performs collateral duties
as EEO counselor 20 percent of the time.
The EEO manager and counselor are inde-
pendent fact finders who obtain facts from
complainants, managers, supervisors and
others who have pertinent information
about EEO issues. Call Garland Kirkland
at the Civilian Personnel Flight, extension
2636.



Airman Alexis Lloyd

Higher education

Airman 1st Class Christopher McClendon, 14th Mission Support Squadron, and Senior Airman Jennifer Loanzon, 14th Contracting Squadron, look at a course catalog from the University of Maryland at the education fair Aug. 8 at the education center. The education center welcomed more than a dozen colleges and universities to the fair to raise awareness of the many educational opportunities available to Air Force people stationed at Columbus AFB.

Debt collection assistance: The
Department of Defense offers a Debt
Collection Assistance Officer program to
help TRICARE beneficiaries resolve their
TRICARE-related bills that have been
turned over to a collection agency. People
with overdue TRICARE bills that have
been sent to a collection agency are urged
to contact the DCAO at Columbus AFB,
Vannessa Brown, at Ext. 2137.

Supply assistance: The point of contact
for supply customers requiring assistance
is customer service. Call Ext. 7178.

AROUND TOWN



Little Sturgis: The 2002 Motorcycle
Rally is Aug. 23 through 25 in Sturgis
Miss., West of Starkville, Miss., on
Highway 82. Entertainment for the annual
family-oriented motorcycle rally include
the internationally known all-star bands of
the late 1960s and early 1970s: Rare Earth,
Iron Butterfly and Sugarloaf as well as
Highway 101 and the Dawn Barham
Band. Activities begin at 8 a.m. and con-
tinue until midnight Friday and Saturday.
The rally ends Sunday morning after the

Blessing of the Bikes. For more informa-
tion, visit www.sturgismsrally.com or call
(662) 465-6492.

Women’s Expo: The Golden Triangle
Women’s Expo is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Aug. 24 at the Trotter Convention Center.
Activities include a fashion show, door
prizes, a blood drive, blood pressure, sugar
and cholesterol checks, seminars and
more. Call 327-1183.

**Howlin’ Wolf Memorial Blues
Festival:** The seventh annual blues festi-
val is Aug. 30 at the West Point Civic. The
event features: Alvin ‘Youngblood’ Hart
and the New World Vipers, Willie King
and the Liberators, Richard Johnston, Li’l
Howlin’ Wolf and The Breakbones Blues
Band.

Gates open at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$15 at
the gate or can be purchased in advance.

Send a check or money order in the
amount of \$15 plus a self-addressed
stamped envelope to: Howlin’ Wolf Blues
Society of West Point, MS Inc., P.O. Box
1334, West Point, MS, 39773.

Prairie Arts Festival: This annual festi-
val begins at 9 a.m. Aug. 31 in downtown
West Point. The event features food, arts
and crafts, vendors, three stages for enter-
tainment, Classic Cars, Kidsville a concert
in the park and a downtown street dance.

Services rolls toward fall with fun-filled activities

✓ **All-ranks bingo:** Bingo is at
5:30 p.m. every Friday at the
community center. There are two
\$25 games, two \$50 games and one \$500
progressive jackpot with a consolation prize
of \$50 if the jackpot does not go in 52 num-
bers or less.

Cost is \$1 for a 2-on-1 card for the \$25
games, \$1.50 for a 3-on-1 card for the \$50
games and \$1 for a single card for the jack-
pot game. Must be a services card holder to
play. Call Ext. 2489.

✓ **Enlisted lounge entertainment:**
Disc jockey Kool Kleve entertains
from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today.

✓ **Preschool program:** The child
development center offers a half-
day preschool program for ages 3
to 5. Classes are from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. with
three options: Monday through Friday,
Tuesday and Thursday or Monday,
Wednesday and Friday. Classes begin
Monday. Fees are based on total family
income and there is no registration fee. Call
Ext. 2478.

✓ **Pasta buffet:** The Columbus
Club’s Tuesday night buffet fea-
tures all types of pastas with the
trimmings from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Price is \$7.95
for club members and \$10.95 for nonmem-
bers. Call Ext. 2489.

✓ **Tuesday night bowling league
meeting:** The Tuesday night
bowling league will meet at 6
p.m. Tuesday to conduct an election of offi-
cers for the upcoming season. Call Ext. 2425.

✓ **Geyser Falls water theme park:**
The information, ticket and travel
office offers a trip to this water
park in Philadelphia, Miss., Aug. 24. Cost is
\$28 per person and includes transportation and
ticket to the park. Call Ext. 7858.

✓ **Home school physical education
registration:** The youth center
offers home-schooled children the
opportunity to participate in a planned physi-

cal education program with children of the
same age.

Program includes learning basic skills for a
variety of sports, new games, participating in
on- and off-base field trips and the opportunity
for physical endurance growth. Register now.
Classes start Sept. 5 and are from 1:30 to 2:45
p.m. Thursdays. Cost is \$35 per month. Call
Ext. 2504.

✓ **Automobile detailing:** The auto
skills center offers automobile
detailing from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Monday through Friday. Get the neat and
clean package for \$12 or the wash and wax
for \$27. Additional services are carpet clean-
ing and car polishing for \$7 each. Call Ext.
7842 for an appointment.

✓ **Crafts classes:** The skills devel-
opment center offers crafts classes
for both adult and youth.

Upcoming adult classes are making a flag
cloth wreath, a corner peg shelf, a mosaic bird
bath and candles.

Youth classes include making treasure
boxes, candles and a jumping game. Stop by
the center to see their display of classes. Call
Ext. 7836.

✓ **Family child care providers
needed:** Anyone interested in
becoming a family child care
provider should contact the family child care
office at Ext. 2486. If a person provides care
for 10 or more hours a week for one or more
children, they must obtain a license through
the family child care office.

✓ **Winter bowling leagues:**
Register now for the upcoming
winter bowling season. Leagues
available are the Monday night ladies;
Tuesday night mixed, Wednesday night mixed
couples, Thursday night intramurals, Saturday
morning youth league and the Sunday night
mixed couples league. League play begins
Sept. 3. Call Ext. 2426.



Donna Halvorsen

Columbus AFB bowling winners

Jace Daniels, Keshia Jackson, Chris Mixon and Tyler Dillon were recognized as
top bowlers in the 2002 Air Force Postal Bowling Tournament. In the age 9 to 11
category, Jace Daniels won first place high game with a score of 186 and first
place high series with a score of 500 while Tyler Dillon won second place high
series with a score of 390. In the age 12 to 14 category, Keshia Jackson won first
place high game with a 235 and first place high series with a 593 while Chris
Mixon took second with a 187 and 510, respectively.
The youth bowling league for ages 5 to 18 begins Sept. 7 and meets every
Saturday. Call Ext. 2426.

Columbus Club lunch buffet

Served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cost: \$4.95 for members and \$7.50 for nonmembers

Price includes vegetable of the day, salad and tea

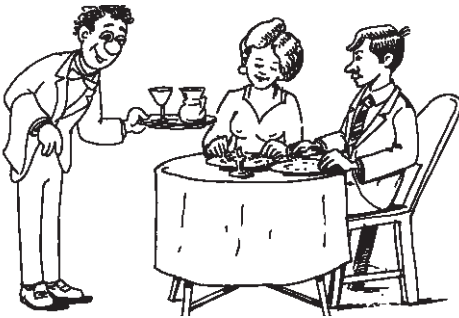
Today
Fried Catfish
Cube Steak
Cherry Cobbler

Monday
Fried Chicken
Liver and Onions
Banana Pudding

Tuesday
Fried Chicken
Swiss Steak
Peach Cobbler

Wednesday
Roast Pork
Baked Fish
Banana Pudding

Thursday
Pulled Pork
Ribs
Apple Cobbler



Murder Mystery Dinner Theater

Coming Sept. 14

at the Columbus Club

Reservations start Aug. 26 — Call Ext. 2489

Audience participation is encouraged



Columbus AFB receives \$79,000 for fitness center

Quality-of-life program brings new treadmills, upright bikes

The Columbus AFB Fitness and Sports Center received \$79,000 from the Air Education and Training Command in July to improve fitness programs.

Columbus AFB was one of 14 AETC bases to receive the money.

“This money will go a long way in improving fitness and help AETC provide a quality product to our people,” said Gen. Donald Cook, AETC commander.

The money for Columbus AFB was spent on new

treadmills, upright bikes, recumbent bikes, new benches in the women’s and men’s locker rooms and a new turf machine to dress the ball fields.

“We are very glad to provide the equipment needed to support the fitness and well being of our customers,” said Rob Wilburn, fitness and sports center director. “This is one more way to make us better.”

The Focus Project began in January when Cook asked AETC wing commanders to evaluate their needs and to develop a comprehensive “wish list” of projects that would improve the quality of life for their people at work, home and play.

Once these lists were received, a focused approach

was used to find a common denominator among all the requests.

The common thread was the need to update, repair and revitalize fitness areas.

Projects at other bases range from resurfacing running tracks to overhauling air-conditioning systems in World War II-era hangars currently used as fitness centers.

“Fitness is a top priority for our combat-ready force,” Cook said. “Anything we can do to ensure physical fitness for our people means we’re one step closer to ensuring we remain the best air and space force in the world.” *(Courtesy of AETC News Service)*

SHORTS

After school bowling special

The bowling center offers an after school special from 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Bowling is \$1 per game and shoes are 50 cents. Special is only for elementary, junior high and high school participants. Call Ext. 2426.

PGA Championship Tournament

Select a pro player by 9 a.m. Saturday to enter this tournament.

Players must have a valid handicap. Players pick a pro, golf game and combine scores with the pro for a total score.

Tournament is Saturday and Sunday. Entry is \$10 for members and \$10 for nonmembers plus greens fees. Call Ext. 7932.

Back to school backpack fun run

This monthly fun run or walk begins at 6 p.m. Aug. 23 so the whole family can participate.

Everyone who wears a backpack will earn a prize.

No tap bowling with a spin

All levels of bowlers are invited to enter this monthly no-tap tournament Aug. 23. Sign up by 6:45 p.m. Games begin at 7 p.m. Entry is \$7.50. Prizes offered are a DVD player, Palm Pilot and more.

Players hit a red pin to spin the wheel to win a prize. Every game, randomly selected individuals will be challenged to knock down a certain number of bowling pins. Call Ext. 2426.

Golf club championship

This annual event is scheduled for Aug. 31 through Sept. 2. Entry is \$25 for members and \$49 for nonmembers.

Food will be served following play Aug. 31 and Sept. 1.

Tournament consists of: flights based on number of participants, men’s championship and ladies’ championship.

There is also an overall handicap champion (must have a valid handicap). Call Ext. 7932.

Fitness 101 classes

People who want to get in shape, but aren’t sure how to use all the fitness and sports center’s machines can schedule a Fitness 101 class.

The center will show the person how to find his or her target heart rate and to use all of the equipment, so results can be seen faster.

Classes are by appointment only. Call Ext. 2772.

Personal trainers

The fitness and sports center offers personal trainers who can help people get more out of their workout. Call Ext. 2772.

Thursday scrambles

The Thursday afternoon scrambles at Whispering Pines Golf Course begin at 4:45 p.m. Sign up by 4 p.m. each Thursday.

Computer selects the teams. Entry is \$5 per person plus greens fees for nonmembers.

Physical fitness program

The President’s Council on physical fitness is celebrating its 30th year and is challenging all associated with the armed forces — service members, civilian employees, retirees, contractors and family members to earn a Presidential Sports Award.

The award can be earned in four months by anyone over the age of six. After completing the requirements for your chosen activity (there are over 60 to choose from), the participant submits the fitness log and a \$5 fee to the Presidents Council.

The award itself consists of an emblem or patch and a certificate signed by the President.

The Council’s Web site, www.aausports.org, has a wealth of information. The site provides a list of approved activities, personal fitness logs and answers to frequently asked questions. Call Ext. 2772.

Air Force women sweep Armed Forces softball tourney

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Mike Jones

Naval Air Station Jacksonville Public Affairs

The overcast skies and occasional sprinkles couldn't dampen the spirits of the military women's softball teams when they met here Aug. 7-9 for the 2002 Armed Forces Women's Softball Championship.

The Air Force team dominated the field, sweeping the series 9-0 and taking first place from the defending champion Army squad.

Led by head coach Master Sgt. William Hardy of Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., and his assistant, Master Sgt. Mark Asbury, Eglin AFB, Fla., the team snared the lead in a 26-13 win over Navy in Game 1. Thanks to a coordinated outfield, and several homers by Senior Airman Monica Everett, Moody AFB, Ga., the group remained undefeated in the tournament.

The Army team, led by head coach Gerald Corcoran, York, Pa., took second place overall at 4-5. The Marine Corps team, coached by Master Gunnery Sgt. Dave Heald of Camp Lejeune, N.C., went 3-6 and Navy, behind Master

Chief Petty Officer Jim Butters, Afloat Training Group, Naval Station Mayport, Miss., rounded out the field at 2-7.

"Our hitting has kept us in the game. It's made the difference," said Air Force Tech. Sgt. Rhonda Hayes, Tyndall AFB, Fla. "We played well as a team. We have excellent talent."

The chance to compete against members of the other services made the event worthwhile, said Marine Lance Cpl. Miranda Hamby of Camp Geiger, N.C. "No matter what the outcome, we've worked really hard. We get along really well. It was a great experience."

"We played awesome," remarked Navy Petty Officer 2nd class Ashley Camp, USS Ronald Reagan. "We'll all keep in touch."

Chosen for the all-tournament team in each position were pitcher, Air Force Staff Sgt. Laurie Doughty, Fort Bragg, N.C.; catcher, Army Sgt. 1st Class Lucy Geidner, Alexandria, Va.; first base, Tschache; second base, Air Force Airman 1st Class Autumn Brown, Kirtland AFB, N.M.; third base, Carr; and shortstop, Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Cheryl Trapnell, Hurlburt Field, Fla.

Outfielders chosen were Watkins; Air Force Staff Sgt. Karrie Warren, Tyndall AFB; Everett; and Air Force Senior Airman Toni Owens, McChord AFB, Wash. Air Force Capt. Marcy May of MacDill AFB, Fla. was named as an extra hitter.

Service representatives picked 15 of the players to an armed forces team that will compete Aug. 15 to 18 at the National Women's Championships in Tifton, Ga.

Members of the armed forces softball team are Doughty, Geidner, Brown, Carr, Trapnell, Owens, Watkins, Bomer and May; Army Sgt. Michelle Saunders, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Air Force Airman 1st Class Virginia Gowin, Hurlburt Field; Army 2nd Lt. Kendra Allen, Camp Carroll, South Korea; Army Sgt. Michelle Murga, Hickam AFB, Hawaii; Army Staff Sgt. Charisa Jordan, Kaiserslautern, Germany; and Army 1st Lt. Angie Diebal, Fort Hood, Texas. Corcoran was named head coach and Asbury, the assistant coach.

The Columbus AFB Softball All Star Team leaves Wednesday to participate in a championship at Lackland AFB, Texas, to compete against other Air Force teams.

Softball standings

The following are the intramural softball standings as of Wednesday. Call the fitness and sports center at Ext. 2772.

Team	Wins	Losses
14th CES 1	19	2
48th FTS	17	4
DynCorp	17	5
14th MSS	16	6
14th SFS 1	15	6
14th OSS 1	14	6
14th MDG	8	14
14th OSS 2	5	16
14th CES 2	5	17
14th SFS 2	4	18



Photos by Airman Alexis Lloyd

Joseph Geiger, 14th Operations Support Squadron Team 2, pitches Monday on Ballfield 2.

Softball playoff frenzy

Staff Sgt. Kyle Ford

Public affairs

The top six softball playoffs teams battle for top dog in the Columbus AFB dog pound beginning Aug. 27. The teams will play double elimination.

The two top teams’ coaches shared their feelings towards the playoffs.

“We battled hard to get to the top,” said first place team coach Ozzy Bond, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron

Team 1. “The [48th Flying Training Squadron] was the team to be. They beat us the first time, then we came back and beat them the next time we played each other.”

“Everyone can be beat,” said second place team coach, Darryl Goodwin, 48th FTS. “It just depends on who’s playing well that night.”

The regular season was 10 weeks and ended Thursday, not including make-up games due to night flying weeks and rain games. For more information, call Ext. 2772.



Kevin Cormier, 14th Security Forces Squadron Team 1, crushes the ball during the first inning.